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Dear General Smith:

As I indicated in our conversation on October 9th, we have completed a Program Planning Guide for our Office of Intelligence Research, and I am enclosing a copy of the first edition. We are hopeful that this Guide will be helpful to your agency and to the other IAC agencies in their own planning and anticipation of the work which they may be called upon to produce. Additional copies of the Guide are being sent to your Office of Reports and Estimates through regular channels, and copies are being sent to the other IAC agencies.

When we were talking last Monday, I suggested that some substantive intelligence questions might usefully be put before the IAC at an early date. You may find questions in our Guide which you believe should be considered at once. A few selected at random which strike me as being worth early attention are:

1. Does the economy of the USSR show a changing degree of war-mobilization? (A-1-7)
2. Assuming passage by the UN General Assembly of the US plan for earmarking UN contingents in the Armed Forces of each member of the UN, what might each member be expected to provide in the light of
 - a. military potential of the country, including its other commitments
 - b. political and opinion factors
 - c. economic and logistic factors? (C-4-1)
3. On what strategic, political and economic issues do the national interests of China and the USSR coincide or conflict? (F-2-2)
4. To what extent do the USSR and Communist China constitute a threat to Indian stability? (F-8-10)

Sincerely yours,

(sgd)
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